

BIG SANDY

Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.

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GREAT INTEREST

In the Coming of Gov. "Bob" Taylor.

Indications and Advance Sale of Seats Point to a Large Crowd Here on the 16th.

In view of the coming of Gov. "Bob" Taylor next week is widespread and increasing. The up-river towns, the down-river cities and the villages and settlements on all sides of Louisa are interested in the appearance of the noted lecturer and they will all send delegations to hear him. Parties living as far from this city as Grayson have ordered seats and many reserved seats have already been selected and sold.

Those having the matter in charge wish it to be known that the lecture will be given in the big auditorium of the college building, a room that will comfortably seat a thousand people. We have been congratulated on every side upon our good fortune in securing such a noted orator as Gov. "Bob" Taylor for the occasion of June 16. He is the most popular lecturer in the United States, and about the highest priced. Lecture managers besiege him for engagements, and everywhere the people gladly pay a dollar to hear him. On this occasion, out of his abounding bigness of heart, he gives his services to the college and the price of admission is only fifty cents, with an additional charge of 25 cents for a reserved seat. We pay fifty cents to get into a circus, twenty-five cents extra for a seat on a hard, narrow plank, and other extras running the bill up to a dollar—all to see a few tricks, to hear a few stale jokes. On the night of Thursday, June 16, you may, for half a dollar, hear the most famous lecturer in America, can sit comfortably in a chair, be instructed and entertained rationally, and help a worthy cause.

This will be the opportunity of your life to hear a man whose fame has gone beyond the confines of his own land, and you will certainly regret it if you fail to hear him.

The following from Dr. W. B. McClure will be accepted by those who know him as excellent testimony to the worth of Gov. Taylor:

Lexington, Ky., June 6, Editor Big Sandy News:

In your last issue I note the coming of Senator "Bob" Taylor to your city in the near future. I want to offer my congratulations that your community—among whom I am proud to number many relatives and good friends—is to enjoy so rare a treat as that afforded by an opportunity to listen for an hour and a half to one, whom I believe to be the most entertaining platform speaker in our whole country.

If possible have him deliver his best lecture—"The Fiddle and the Bow," or his next best, "A Paradise of Fools."

My advice is, don't miss hearing "Bob" Taylor. Sew on your buttons "tight" and take an extra handkerchief with you.

Yours truly,
W. B. McCLURE.

TAYLOR'S DATE POSTPONED.

Just as the News was ready to go to press a telegram was received stating that unexpected conditions have arisen which will make it impossible for Gov. Taylor to come to Kentucky on the 16th. Congressman Langley wires from Pikeville that he is going to Washington today and will use every effort to get Mr. Taylor here within a short time after the announced date.

The local committee is now using long distance telephone, hoping yet to arrange to get Taylor here on the 16th. The News can not be held back for the result, but advertising matter will be set out announcing same as soon as known.

M. E. Conference.

The Kentucky Conference of the M. E. church meets this year at Paintsville, Ky., September 7. Only last year our conference, the Western Virginia Conference, of the M. E. church, South, met at that same point. Now, we know they are the most liberal, progressive people at Paintsville that live up Big Sandy or anywhere else, but the town is not large, and the entertainment falls almost entirely on the same persons. But there it is. We have two Methodisms in Kentucky and all along the border, a double burden, a continuous conflict, a divided army. You may draw your own conclusion.—Central Methodist Advocate.

Well Known Big Sandy Lady Dead.

Mrs. Rhoda A. Hereford, the mother of L. B. Hereford, of Ashland, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. S. Morrison, at Kenova, yesterday afternoon.

The decedent was 74 years, 2 months and 23 days old, and was a native of the Big Sandy valley being the widow of Dr. M. L. Hereford of Prestonsburg, who died forty-five years ago. She is survived by seven children—five sons and two daughters.—Ashland Independent.

One of the Faculty.

Roscoe Murray has moved to Louisa where he has accepted a position in the school at that place. His successor as Principal of the Graded Free School has not yet been chosen. Mr. Murray is one of the best educators in this section. His management of our school was entirely satisfactory and most successful. Our people regret that he is not to remain with us.—Paintsville Herald.

WILL PLAY BALL.

Lawrence McClure, of Wayne, Will Pitch for a Professional Team.

Lawrence McClure, an old Mountain State pitcher, is to get a trial with the Philadelphia American league club this year, says the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. McClure is at present pitching for Amherst College and Charlie Mack recently saw him work. He was so well pleased with the showing made that he was signed up and will report there as soon as the school year is over.

Write a member of Mountain State last year McClure won 11 games and lost 2. Some of his games were against the best clubs of the country as Mountain State booked them all after the season was over. That he is to get a chance in fast company will be good news to his many friends here.

(Later and more definite information says he has signed with the Albany, N. Y., team and will join the club as soon as he graduates from Amherst College, which will occur next week.)

Back to the Asylum.

Isaac Chambers has more than once been adjudged a lunatic by a Lawrence county jury, and in pursuance of those judgments he has been more than once sent to the asylum at Lexington. Some time ago he came back on a visit, but he evidently pined for the comfortable quarters of the Lexington retreat, so he got sufficient money from Clerk Mont Holt to carry him as far as Catlettsburg. He was given a letter of introduction to the jailer of Boyd county, who took care of him until an asylum attaché, who had been "phoned for," could get him. Chambers left here on Monday last and is now in his former safe harbor.

J. M. Turner & Co.

Under the above name J. M. Turner and R. S. Chaffin, of this city, have formed a partnership for the purpose of doing various kinds of concrete work. They are at present engaged on a big job near Concord, Ky., for the C. and O. railway company.

PIKE TRAGEDIES.

Four Lives Ended in Our Neighbor County.

Two Officers Killed by Troughs, a Prominent Citizen Drowned, and Bank Cashier Dead.

June 7, 1910.

John C. Bowles, the well known banker and cashier of the First National Bank, died at Pence Springs Sunday morning at three o'clock and the remains arrived here yesterday accompanied by his wife, little son, John Jr., and his brother, R. B. Bowles, all of whom were with him at the time of his death. Mr. Bowles was the oldest son of the late well known Capt. O. C. Bowles and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Linda Ramsey, son John and four brothers, County Atty. C. C. Bowles, R. B. Malcom and O. C. Bowles. He had amassed a comfortable fortune, was ever honest and straight forward in business and will be deeply missed, not only by his loved ones, but by the entire community. He was forty-two years old. The funeral will occur Wednesday afternoon, at the M. E. church, South, after which the remains will be taken to the Cecil farm, a mile below here for interment beside the graves of his parents. His mother, Mrs. Pauline Cecil Bowles, having passed away only last autumn.

Pete and Berlin Blankenship and John Lockhard shot and instantly killed J. L. Dotson, constable, and his assistant, "Buddy" Sheppard, on Knov creek Saturday night. The three first mentioned, who were intoxicated, were riding along the highway firing at random and were terrifying the natives by their daring recklessness. The officers in attempting their arrest were shot dead. The Blankenships escaped into Virginia with officers in hot pursuit, while Lockhard was arrested brought here and lodged in jail. The parties were all citizens of Pike county and all were unmarried, except Mr. Dotson, who leaves a wife and child. All were prominent and the affair has created great excitement.

J. P. Gartin, a prominent business man of Louisa, is here today. Mr. Gartin is quite well and favorably known here and his many friends are delighted to see him looking so well after his sojourn at Hot Springs.

Hos. John W. Langley and wife are here looking to the completion of their new cement block residence, which they will occupy soon.

Thomas Lowe, a member of the prominent and wealthy Lowe family of Johns creek, was drowned in the waters of that stream yesterday while drifting timber.

Butler Bales and Miss Jessie Wilson were married at the home of Mrs. J. M. Scott Sunday night. Miss Wilson came here from Parkersburg for a visit some weeks ago and the couple had only been acquainted a short time.

City Council.

The City Council met in regular session on last Tuesday night, all being present except G. S. Wilson, who was absent on account of sickness. It was a protracted session, one lasting until eleven o'clock, but the amount of real business transacted was not commensurate with the time and conversation expended. The treasurer reported a cash balance of \$159.91, which balance was wiped out by the payment of some overdue claims, leaving several creditors clamoring for settlement. J. Q. Lackey was elected special Police Judge, to serve when from any cause the regular Judge could not preside. Over seventy persons had paid their dog tax, but 19 or 20 curs yelp and bite with impunity. Why?

C. L. Miller, of the committee to look into the replevin bond business, reported that about \$1100 worth of replevin bonds remain unsatisfied.

Let's Show Our Appreciation.

The auditorium of the college building is a very large room and will seat the entire population of Louisa exclusive of the children who are too small to attend an entertainment.

In view of the worthy object for which the lecture is to be given on next Thursday night, and of the great sacrifice being made by Gov. Taylor in coming all the way to Louisa and contributing his services, we hope to see that immense building filled to its utmost capacity. To do this will require the patronage and support of every citizen in Louisa. Let no one conclude that everybody else will go and that he or she will stay and not be missed. The committee that is doing a lot of work for the success of this occasion will regret having had Mr. Taylor come here if anything less than a full house should greet him. The Big Sandy people ought to show their appreciation by their presence in so unimpaired a manner that will impress Mr. Taylor with their interest in education and the Kentucky Normal College. If we do this it will lead to better things from abroad for our school.

Buy tickets early for all the members of your family and help to sell all you can. Adult admission 50 cents. Children 14 years and under, 25c. Reserved seats 75 cents extra. Tickets for sale by G. A. Nash and others. Reserved seats at Conley's store.

Will Graduate June 18.

Miss Shirley C. Burns has sent cards to her Louisa friends, inviting them to attend the graduating exercises of her class of Mount St. Joseph school, Cincinnati. Class Day exercises occur in the afternoon of Friday, the 17th.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Big Sandy Youth Courtmartialed in Oklahoma and Ordered Shot.

John W. Langley, Congressman from the Tenth Kentucky district, has wired Secretary Dickinson, of the War Department, to withhold his approval of the court martial sentence against Private Carpenter, who was found guilty of killing one of his comrades in the regular army at Fort Sill and sentenced to be executed next Saturday.

Congressman Langley went to Magoffin county to collect full data concerning the boy, who, it is said, is the son of a widow and is not yet 17 years old. Recently the youth ran away from home and joined the regular army, and his people never heard from him until they were notified of the tragedy. He is a nephew of Judge Carpenter, of Grayson, Ky., and is highly connected.

Congressman Langley will go to Washington to make a plea for the life of the boy before the War Department and President Taft in an effort to have the sentence of the boy commuted.

Homicide Near the Border.

Recently somewhere between Heller, Pike county, and Clintwood, Va. a man named Dutton aged 80 years became involved in a quarrel with Charles Newbury, aged 40, who was a rival claimant to a tract of land. The aged man, who was passing the home of Newbury drew a revolver and shot the latter dead in his front yard. Both men were highly prominent and well-to-do. The affair has created intense excitement in the community.

Accidental Drowning.

News has reached Louisa of the death by drowning of Mr. Lowe, somewhere near Nolan, W. Va. He fell from a raft and was in the water forty minutes before it was recovered. Mr. Lowe was the father of Miss Eunice Lowe, who was a pupil of the K. N. C., and who is now the wife of Mr. Goodloe Combs, an alumnus of the college. Later—Our Pikeville correspondent says the drowning was in Johns creek.



Despair and Despondency

No one but a woman can tell the story of the suffering, the despair, and the despondency endured by women who carry a daily burden of ill-health and pain because of disorders and derangements of the delicate and important organs that are directly upset the nerves if long continued. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a positive cure for these and disease of the feminine organism.

GIANT BATES

MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG, SICK WOMEN WELL.

Letcher County Giant Alive and Prosperous.

Local Recollections of the World's Largest Man, a Product of Kentucky's Mountains.

Among the freaks of the old days who have retired with a competence is Martin Van Buren Bates, the Kentucky giant now sixty-three years of age, who is spending the fall end of a long and picturesque career on a little farm near Seville, Ohio. Capt. Bates was renowned throughout Europe and America for many years for his unusual size. His romantic marriage while enroute to Anna K. Shaw, the Canadian giantess, a woman one inch taller than himself was a nine days wonder at the time Mrs. Bates died several years ago, leaving no issue. One child had been born to her but it died in infancy. Capt. Bates is still hale and hearty. One of his principal pleasures now is a discussion of the causes which led up to the conflict between the States, in which resort to arms he participated as a lad.

Capt. Bates was born in Letcher county in 1847. Unusually large at his birth, he measured six feet in height and weighed 170 pounds on his eleventh birthday. At twenty-one he measured seven feet and eleven inches in his stockings, and weighed 400 pounds. He tipped the scales at 500 while in his prime. Unlike the usual giant, Capt. Bates never suffered from a weak spinal column and his muscles are not atrophied. In fact he was noted for his agility and strength during and after the Civil War. His parents were plain people of ordinary size. The other children born to the couple were normal. Capt. Bates had three brothers, the combined weight of whom did not much exceed his own.

Bates cast his lot with the young Confederacy at the outbreak of the Civil War, becoming a private in the Third Kentucky Infantry. He was at that time only fourteen years of age, but was more than a man in stature. At sixteen he was promoted to be a Captain for bravery exhibited on the field of battle. He distinguished himself in the several engagements in which he participated. He was severely wounded in one of the battles around Cumberland Gap.

In 1870 Capt. Bates made a tour of England and the Continent where he was exhibited to enthusiastic crowds. After his marriage Capt. Bates purchased the farm, and erected the house near Seville, Ohio, where he still lives. The measurements of this house were made commensurate with the unusual proportions of the people who were to live in it. The bed on which the couple slept measured ten feet in length with a width in proportion and was of a height twice that of an average bed. A magnificent dressing table constructed for the use of Mrs. Bates contained a mirror almost as large as the side of an ordinary house.

It was a novel sight to see the giant and his wife out for a drive. The carriage in which they rode was a huge affair. The wheels reached almost to the second story of an average house, and six stout horses were used to draw it.

Capt. Bates married again some years after the death of his first wife. His second wife, who is still living, is a woman of ordinary size, who looks like a pigmy beside her giant husband. They reside at the Captain's old home, where he is passing the life of a gentleman of leisure.

The reading of the above, taken from a recent number of the Paintsville Herald, reminds the News of a couple of visits made to Louisa by "Baby Bates." The first call was an involuntary one. As the Herald says, Bates cast his lot with the Confederacy, but he was more than fourteen years old

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Boudy Staphard, a died the next day in Welch. His death was one resulting from was buried at South

Another victim of the iff Dolson. The ing to arrest the mob, three have escaped to say they will not

The W. F. M. Society

Mrs. Mary Horton, gath- Clure, Mrs. J. G. Bir, Boggs Sullivan, Mrs. G. I. evening Mrs. F. T. D. Wall tending the meeting from Foreign Missionary ington. Other Letta Boggs probably leave Miss Mary ent at the gath- Reid represents Mrs. Thon- ple's Society, and I. Peter- son attends on be- ulla Society. visiting Mrs. G. A. Nash. important point Child. went to Hun

The following Rev. W. L. R. T. Burns, Mrs. Hug M. F. Burns's Money. works

THEIR TRO When They Tousand. Big Sandy

Chicago, up all County Cl must have This quight prof- night of the time old, a set. Havmark along Floyd county, O. Railroad. McGuire, 18 years, other William S. McGuire, for sale and Methodist is prices to same town.

The girl, who was a normal school villard, is being held by a Police Anne, who is Sp. whom she eloped from town at six o'clock top cell at the Central station be held until the po- exact age of the girl a- her parents want done.

The girl, when question Central Station, admitted out had objected to her Spradlin.

Here endeth the first less romance is continued as in the Ashland Independent. We enjoyed the distin- being called as a witness, morning at the marriage eloping couple from Floy Ky., who went to front easy place for all elopers, Greta Green of all this to have the marriage thd. mented.

We were at the new to house on a little private he- when a blushing young met- tered and said he wanted in the county clerk. Our in the were aroused at once, an it him he evidently was misuch we felt sure he wanted a be- riage license, and that e. bate Judge was the man b/ looking for. We took the ita man into our confidence, ei admitted everything. Hs his name was Richard L. S. of Dewey, Ky., and that he- tented bride was Miss Fan 2 Guire, of near Prestonsburg county. We agreed all we could, and of the nearest M. Edwards into th- had Probate Judi- scene, and as i- for church servi-

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